

FISCAL NOTE
SB 2137 - HB 2334

January 31, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes certain agencies approved by the TBI, as well as the TBI, to conduct background checks on local school employees. Allows the local board of education or the applicant to pay the cost of the applicant's initial investigation rather than requiring the applicant to pay such cost.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant
Decrease State Revenues – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000 / Permissive

Assumes:

- to the extent local boards of education choose to pay the cost of the investigation, local government expenditures are estimated to increase.
- this increase in local government expenditures would be dependent upon how many local boards of education choose to pay the cost of initial investigation that are not currently providing reimbursement of applicants for these costs.
- this increase cannot reasonably be determined but can be estimated to exceed \$100,000 statewide, since it is assumed that local boards would pay the costs for all eligible applicants or would pay for none. The cost of conducting the investigation is estimated to be \$48 per applicant.
- the TBI would experience a decrease in revenues and expenditures. These decreases depend on the number of background checks that will not be done by TBI that would have been under current law and are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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